Although off-campus programs are open to all students, there are some programs that may be of particular interest to students in the Department of Politics. Below is a description of these opportunities. For more details, stop by the Intercultural Office.

American Studies Program
In addition to studying current issues, students participate in part-time internships in Washington D.C.

- Junior or senior status
- 2.75 GPA

Nine of the sixteen credits will count toward Politics electives. Students can intern with members of congress, lobbyist groups, human rights organizations or a variety of other organizations in D.C.

BCA Study Abroad
BCA Study Abroad offers students who are seriously interested in enriching their college experiences an opportunity to enhance their curriculum and language skills.

- Sophomore, junior, or senior status
- Four semesters of college-level language are required for France, Germany, and Mexico (five semesters required for Spain); these sites are open only to juniors and seniors
- 2.75 GPA (Germany and Spain: 3.0 GPA)

BCA study centers in England, Germany, and Spain, offer students some politics courses.

China Studies Program
Students will learn Chinese language, history, and culture through classroom instruction, by traveling around the country, and by being conversation partners with Chinese students.

- Junior or senior status (will consider sophomore applications)
- 2.75 GPA

Courses include Chinese Language, Chinese History, and Public Policy and Economic Development.

Cross-Cultural Courses
Students can spend three week in January or May in an intensive study of another culture. The locations of these courses, taught by Messiah educators, vary from year to year. A list of course options are posted on the Intercultural web page in late January the year before the courses are offered. They are competitive so students are encouraged to start exploring their options early.

- Sophomore, junior or senior status (will consider first year students)
- Good academic standing

Internships
Students who participate in the Messiah College Internship Program have opportunities to test their educational theories as they preview possible career options.

- Junior or senior status
- 2.5 GPA

With the seat of Pennsylvania government close by in Harrisburg, internship opportunities are available with legislators, political offices, and government agencies.
London Internship Program
The London Internship Program offers internships and academic study for a semester in London, England. Students are placed in field experiences related to their majors and take classes offered by Arcadia faculty or at City University.
- Junior or senior status
- 3.0 GPA
*Internships are offered in a variety of areas, including with members of Parliament.*

LCC International University
Witness history in the making while studying in Klaipeda, Lithuania. Part of the former Soviet Union, Lithuania is home to LCC International University which serves students from a number of Eastern European nations.
- Sophomore, junior, or senior status
- 2.75 GPA
*Students can take classes such as Baltic History, Political Economy of the Baltic States, and Mediation and Conflict Transformation.*

Middle East Studies Program
Students spend a semester in Israel, learning Arabic, studying Middle Eastern culture and religion, and exploring political conflicts. The 15-week adventure includes a field service project and educational excursions to Israel and several Middle Eastern countries.
- Junior or senior status (will consider sophomore applications)
- 2.75 GPA
*This program is ideal for someone interested in history of the Middle East and / or Islamic studies. Students can take 6 credits of Arabic.*

Scholars’ Semester in Oxford
Taste a slice of British life and experience the unique Oxford educational system by participating in the Scholars’ Semester in Oxford. Academically strong students participate in one-on-one tutorials with Oxford professors, as well as take part in a variety of field trips.
- Junior or senior status
- 3.7 GPA
*A variety of tutorials are available including, Nationalism, Politics and Culture in Ireland, Theories of State, and Cicero: Politics and Thought in the Late Republic.*

Oxford Study Abroad Programme
Students participate in one-on-one tutorials with Oxford professors in this semester-long program. Field trips to culturally and historically significant locations in England round out this opportunity.
- Junior or senior status
- 3.0 GPA
*A variety of politics tutorials are available, including, Foundations of Modern Social and Political Thought, British Politics and Government Since 1880, and International Relations.*

Check out the following link to read what Politics students say about their study abroad experiences:

Note the pre-approval application process begins EARLY, a year in advance!
Fall deadline: December 1; Spring Deadline: April 1

To discover more opportunities, visit the Intercultural Office Homepage:
[www.messiah.edu/intercultural](http://www.messiah.edu/intercultural)

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